

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 10/13/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-6, 9-15, 17 and 19-25.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. Applicants' amendments and arguments, filed on 10/13/2006, with respect to Claims 1-6, 9-15, 17 and 19-25 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The 35U.S.C.103 rejections have been withdrawn. None of the previously cited reference teaches the Claims 1-6, 9-15, 17 and 19-25.

Claim 7 had been canceled.

Examiner's Amendment

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment had been given in a telephone interview with Brian Carlson on 10/20/2006. The application has been amended for independent claims 1, 11, 17, and 20 as follows:

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Claim 1 (currently amended) A communication device for a cable communications network, the communication device comprising: a first integrated circuit (IC) including one or more receivers and a first media access control (MAC) function, the said first MAC function being adapted to handle ~~handling~~ defragmentation, deconcatenation, ~~suppress~~ suppressing packet payload headers, and ~~perform~~ performing reverse payload header suppression; and a second IC including one or more transmitters and a second MAC function, said second MAC function encrypting packets, handling payload header suppression, and putting Ethernet packets inside a MPEG frame, wherein the first and second IC's are coupleable to a communications network for controlling downstream and upstream communications, respectively.

Claim 11 (currently amended) A communication device comprising: a fiber interface; an L2/L3 switch coupled to the fiber interface; a central processing unit (CPU) coupled to the L2/L3 switch; one or more transmitters coupled to the L2/L3 switch; and one or more receivers coupled to the L2/L3 switch; a first media access control (MAC) function coupled to the receiver, the said first MAC function being adapted to handle ~~handling~~ defragmentation, deconcatenation, ~~suppress~~ suppressing packet payload headers, and ~~perform~~ performing reverse payload header suppression; and a second MAC function, said second MAC function encrypting packets, handling payload header suppression, and putting Ethernet packets inside a MPEG frame coupled to the transmitter.

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Claim 17 (currently amended) A data transmission device for a cable network, comprising: a plurality of first means for receiving data signals and controlling the receipt thereof with a corresponding first media access control (MAC) function, ~~the~~ said first MAC function ~~being adapted to handle~~ handling defragmentation, deconcatenation, ~~suppress~~ suppressing packet payload headers, and ~~perform~~ performing reverse payload header suppression; and a plurality of second means for transmitting data signals and controlling the receipt thereof with a corresponding second MAC function, said second MAC function encrypting packets, handling payload header suppression, and putting Ethernet packets inside a MPEG frame, wherein the data transmission device is coupleable to a communications network for controlling downstream and upstream communications with the plurality of first means and second means, respectively.

Claim 20 (currently amended) A method of controlling the receipt and transmission of data in a communications network, comprising: receiving data signals and controlling the receipt thereof with a first media access control (MAC) function, the said first MAC function handling defragmentation, deconcatenation, packet payload header suppression, and reverse payload header suppression of the data packets; and transmitting data signals and controlling transmission thereof with a second MAC function, said second MAC function encrypting packets, handling payload header suppression, and putting Ethernet packets inside a MPEG frame, wherein the first and second MAC functions reside in two separate integrated circuits (ICs).

The application has also been amended for dependent claims 9 and 19 as follows:

In claim 9, the dependence clause "...according to Claim 8" is changed to "...according to Claim 1".

In claim 19, the dependence clause "...according to Claim 18" is changed to "...according to Claim 17".

Claims 8, 16, 18 and 26 (after merging into the respective independent claims 1, 11, 17 and 20) have been canceled.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-6, 9-15, 17 and 19-25 are allowed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Richard Chang whose telephone number is (571) 272-3129. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday from 8 AM to 5 PM.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ricky Ngo can be reached on (571) 272-3139. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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